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Governor Baker Nominates Catherine H. Ham of Brookline as Associate Justice of the Boston Municipal Court

BOSTON – Today, Governor Charlie Baker nominated Catherine H. Ham of Brookline to the position of Associate Justice of the Boston Municipal Court. Attorney Ham has 15 years of legal experience in the public sector.

"Attorney Ham has extensive experience in the Plymouth County and Suffolk County District Attorney's Offices that makes her well qualified for a position in the Boston Municipal Court," **said Governor Charlie Baker**. "I am pleased to submit her name to Governor's Council for their advice and consent."

"Attorney Ham's career protecting the Commonwealth's most vulnerable makes her a great addition to this busy Court," **said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito**. "I am confident that, if confirmed, she will serve the bench well."

The Boston Municipal Court Department has thirty judges serving the City of Boston in eight court divisions located in Brighton, Central (downtown), Charlestown, Dorchester, East Boston, Roxbury, South Boston and West Roxbury.

Judicial nominations are subject to the advice and consent of the Governor's Council. Applicants for judicial openings are reviewed by the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) and recommended to the governor. Governor Baker established the JNC in February 2015 pursuant to Executive Order 558, a non-partisan, non-political Commission composed of volunteers from a cross-section of the Commonwealth's diverse population to screen judicial applications. Twenty-one members were later appointed to the JNC in April 2015.

About Catherine H. Ham:

Attorney Catherine Hyo-Kyung Ham has served as Assistant District Attorney in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office since 2015. In that office, she has investigated and prosecuted cases in the Child Protection Unit, Senior Trial Unit and Homicide Unit. Attorney Ham began her legal career as Staff Attorney at the Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts, representing indigent domestic violence victims. From 2005 to 2015, she served as Assistant District Attorney in the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office in the Juvenile Court, Domestic Violence Unit, Brockton Trial Session and served as Supervising/Lead Attorney in the Brockton and Wareham District Courts. In 2010, Attorney Ham joined the Family Protection Unit as Assistant District Attorney and in 2014 became Deputy Chief of the Family Protection Unit. She was awarded the MDAA Spotlight Award for Outstanding Service/Professionalism in 2010 for her work in the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office. Attorney Ham has tried over 150 jury and bench trials in various District Courts and over 50 jury trials in various Superior Courts, including 12 homicide trials. She is Co-Chair of the Criminal Law Section at the Boston Bar Association and a member of Asian American Lawyers Association of Massachusetts. Ham earned her B.A. from Haverford College in 2000 and her J.D. from New England School of Law in 2003.

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